

Senate Resolution 553

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Cowser of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th and Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Wanda Grogan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Wanda Grogan has been named to the College of Family and Consumer
3 Sciences Honor Hall of Recognition for outstanding service as a professional leader in
4 Family and Consumer Sciences; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Honor Hall of Recognition was established in 1980 to recognize those who
6 have given a lifetime of service to the profession, and Wanda is the 18th inductee; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Wanda Grogan arrived in Athens in 1970 and earned her master's and
8 specialist's degrees in home economics education at the University of Georgia, and in 1973
9 she was named to a newly created position focusing on continuing education programs for
10 those in the home economics field; and
- 11 WHEREAS, for the next 20 years, with the exception of two years spent at Iowa State
12 University earning a doctorate, Wanda developed and executed as many as 125 continuing
13 education programs at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education and throughout Georgia
14 and the United States; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Wanda served as an assistant to former Deans Emily Pou and Sharon Y.
16 Nickols and as director of alumni relations for the college and was instrumental in creating
17 Leadership FACS, an annual retreat for club presidents, College Ambassadors, and other
18 student leaders in the college; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Wanda was among the first recipients of the Walter Barnard Hill Award for
20 Distinguished Achievement in Service in 1992, and she was named the Walter Barnard Hill
21 Distinguished Service Fellow in 1993; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1994, Wanda suffered a severe stroke that occurred while she was
2 undergoing surgery for a brain aneurysm; and

3 WHEREAS, although the stroke was debilitating, Wanda persevered through months of
4 rehabilitation, and in just a year after the operation, she organized a statewide conference for
5 100 stroke victims and their caregivers; and

6 WHEREAS, she has gone on to join St. Mary's Auxiliary and works with a program for
7 stroke victims and a support group for people with arthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, she has served on the auxiliary's board of directors and as chair of its wellness
9 group, making a special effort to deliver flowers to patient rooms at Athens Regional
10 Medical Center and cuddle babies in the special needs nursery; and

11 WHEREAS, Wanda is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Athens, serving as
12 a deacon, chairing the church's missions committee, and serving as a Stephen Minister,
13 providing support to those facing serious family issues; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout her amazing career, Wanda has overcome countless hurdles through
15 determination and a gracious spirit, and she has never hesitated to lend others her tender
16 smile and confident strength.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize the inspiring life and career of Dr. Wanda Grogan, commend her for her
19 outstanding services to the State of Georgia, and extend to her their sincerest best wishes for
20 her future health and fulfillment.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Wanda Grogan and Jan M. Hathcote,
23 Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Services of the University of Georgia.